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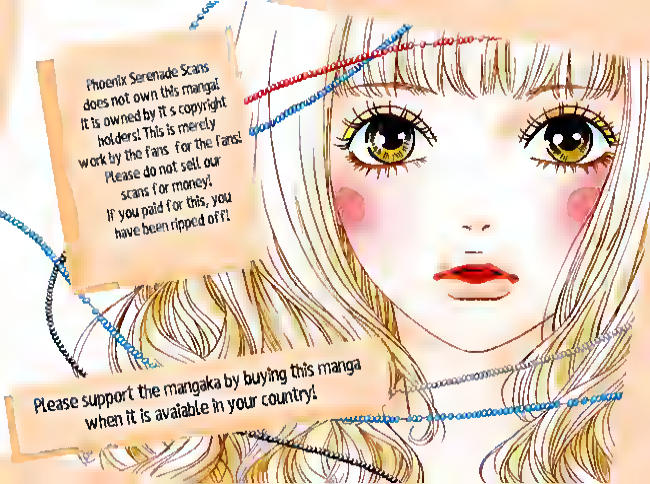
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chuckle
IT SURE IS ATTACHED
TO THAT HUMAN
AH...!
YOU'RE FINALLY BACK!
WHERE IN THE WORLD DID YOU WANDER OFF TO?
I JUST HAD SOME BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT

HERE.
EH...?
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
AS LONG AS I'M NOT TIED UP AND HAVE MY SWORD I'LL BE ABLE TO KILL YOU ANYTIME YOU KNOW?
OH MY, YOU LOOK DISPLEASED
I RETURNED IT SINCE I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO YOU, BUT...
IF YOU DON'T NEED IT, THEN MAYBE I'LL KEEP IT
GUH...!
Y-YOU...
GRRR
AH
Gasp!
INOO,
YOU HAVE LEFTOVERS ON THE CORNER OF YOUR MOUTH...

CATCH
DON'T!
EEEK!
W-WHAT IS IT...?
That surprised me.
HUH...?
YOU...
YOU'RE OKAY...?
EH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
What does he mean by, I'm okay?
What is he talking about?
INGO..?
Wh..t's wrong?

Blush
I'D LIKE IT IF YOU COULD LET GO OF ME NOW..
Chuckle
JEALOUSY, HUH...
S-SORRY!
releases
NO, YOU DON'T REALLY NEED TO APOLOGIZE
glance
Jealousy?
HUH?

AAH,
IT'S GOTTEN DARK...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M JUST SAYING THAT POPULAR MEN HAVE IT TOUGH.
?
SINCE ANCIENT TIMES THERE'S NOTHING MORE TERRIFYING THAN A WOMAN'S JEALOUSY
Ugh!
We're camping outside?
WHY DON'T WE SAVE GETTING OFF THE MOUNTAIN FOR TOMORROW MORNING?
BECAUSE IT SEEMS
WE'LL BE ABLE TO HEAR AN INTERESTING STORY
DON'T WORRY, WE WON'T BE BORED

I THINK IT WAS ABOUT A YEAR AGO
A WOMAN CAME TO THE VILLAGE I WAS LIVING IN
THE WOMAN HAD LONG BLACK HAIR,
AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE CAME FROM BUT
SHE BLENDED IN WITH THE VILLAGE IN NO TIME
SOME TIME AFTER THAT
SHE BECAME OBSESSED WITH ME FOR SOME REASON

I WASN'T ABLE TO ACCEPT HER FEELINGS
BUT NO MATTER WHAT, I COULDN'T HELP BUT FIND THAT WOMAN CREEPY
THE MEN IN THE VILLAGE ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT HOW BEAUTIFUL THAT WOMAN WAS,
SO THEY WERE JEALOUS OF ME
AFTER A WHILE
HER ATTACHMENT TO ME GREW EVEN WORSE
IF I TALKED WITH ANOTHER WOMAN EVEN JUST A LITTLE WHILE
SHE WOULD GET ANGRY AND CORNER ME LIKE A RAGING FIRE
EVENTUALLY SHE STARTED YELLING AND RESENTING ME
I WAS SICK OF IT,
SO I CALLED HER OVER TO MY HOUSE TO TALK IT OVER
AND THEN...
EEEE

AT THE END OF OUR ARGUMENT, WE GOT INTO A FIGHT
AND BY THE TIME I CAME TO MY SENSES
I HAD STABBED HER WITH A SWORD THAT WAS IN MY HOUSE
YOU'RE HORRIBLE.
HOW COULD YOU?
EVEN THOUGH I LOVE YOU THIS MUCH...
UNFORGIVABLE. I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.
I'LL CURSE YOU..!
CURSE YOU! CURSE YOU!
TOGETHER WITH THE SWORD STAINED WITH MY BLOOD.
YOU WILL BECOME SOMEONE WHO HUNTS DEMONS FROM NOW ON.
OFFER THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS DEMONS, LET THE SWORD DRINK THEIR BLOOD
FOREVER AND EVER UNTIL THAT SWORD IS SATISFIED!

AHA
UNTIL THEN, MAY THE DAY WHERE YOU CAN LOVE OR BE LOVED BY ANOTHER WOMAN
NEVER COME FOR ALL ETERNITY!
AHAA
H-HEY, COULD IT BE THAT WOMAN...
MOST LIKELY A DEMON.
Wh-What an intense woman...
THOUGHT SO...
I'm starting to feel sorry for him.
AND JUST AS THE CURSE STATES, I'VE BECOME UNABLE TO GET CLOSE TO WOMEN...
THAT WOMAN DISAPPEARED.
I THINK SHE PROBABLY DIED...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T GET CLOSE TO WOMEN...?

What's with that!?
WHAA ?
Hm?
I'M CONFUSED BY THAT TOO
THIS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE...
BUT JUST A MOMENT AGO, I TOUCHED YOU,
AND I WAS FINE...
BECAUSE IF I TOUCH THEM, THE OTHER PERSON SUDDENLY COLLAPSES OR COMES DOWN WITH AN UNEXPLAINABLE ILLNESS.
IT'S MORE LIKE I CAN'T TOUCH THEM.
RATHER THAN SAYING I CAN'T GET CLOSE TO THEM.
BUT TO BE SO LOVED, AREN'T YOU LUCKY?
TO BE HONEST, IT'S A BOTHER!
WHO WOULD BE HAPPY BEING LIKED BY A DEMON!?
AH...
Could it be
...because of these "eyes" of mine?

mumble
mumble
B-BECAUSE EVEN I HAVE DREAMS...
I WANT TO GET MARRIED,
AND HAVE KIDS
YEAH.
SO THE REASON YOU WERE HUNTING DEMONS WAS TO BREAK THE CURSE, RIGHT?
STOP MAKING THAT GRINNING FACE!
grin
grin
OHH?
This guy.
I WONDER IF THAT'S REALLY TRUE...
IF I DON'T, I'LL BE SINGLE MY WHOLE LIFE
THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO BREAK THE CURSE
Hmm
...WELL,
IT'S TRUE THAT AT THIS RATE YOU'RE BOUND TO HAVE A STOIC LIFE

IT'S TRUE THAT
HAVING CHILDREN IN THIS STATE
MIGHT BE UM... IMPOSSIBLE,
BUT I DON'T THINK LOVING SOMEONE OR BEING LOVED BY SOMEONE IS IMPOSSIBLE
BECAUSE ISN'T THE CONNECTION BETWEEN TWO PEOPLES' HEARTS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING?
TWO HEARTS?
What's really important
NO MATTER HOW MUCH TWO PEOPLES' BODIES TOUCH,
IF THEIR FEELINGS DON'T GET ACROSS, THERE'S NO POINT
WHEN BOTH PARTIES CARE DEEPLY FOR ONE ANOTHER,
FOR THE FIRST TIME THEY CAN LOVE EACH OTHER...
...is how much you care for that person.
MARRIAGE AND OTHER THINGS LIKE THAT
COME LATER

...THAT'S WHAT I WAS TAUGHT AT THE CHURCH
BUT IF ONE DAY A WOMAN APPEARS
OF COURSE YOU SHOULD BREAK THE CURSE
If there's someone
...who can love you from the bottom of their heart like that,
SAYING SHE WANTS TO BE BY YOUR SIDE EVEN IF YOU CAN NEVER TOUCH ONE ANOTHER,
I'm sure...
...the curse
YOU WON'T BE "ALONE" ANYMORE
...won't be frightening at all.
RIGHT?
PLUS, MAYBE THERE'S ANOTHER WOMAN LIKE ME WHO WON'T GET AFFECTED, SOMEWHERE
Not including herself at all

I was worried that I would have to live my whole life...
...not loving anyone or being loved...
I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT THAT
THAT SURPRISED ME...
Ever since the curse was cast on me,
"...WANTS TO BE BY YOUR SIDE..."
"EVEN IF YOU CAN NEVER TOUCH ONE ANOTHER..."
Hmm.
Ah, but then they wouldn't be able to get married...
...means we have to break the curse after!
mumble
mumble
-How about a nun?
But...
OH?
Spacing out...
Chuckle

HE PROBABLY TIRED HIMSELF OUT FROM BEING TOO TENSE
POPULAR MEN SURE HAVE IT TOUGH
INGO'S ASLEEP
Z zz
I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM
YOU DON'T TEASE HIM TOO MUCH
STILL, HE SURE HAS CALMED DOWN.
IT'S LIKE DAY AND NIGHT COMPARED TO WHEN WE MET HIM.
I WONDER IF THIS IS ALSO AN EFFECT FROM MY DEAR PET?
WELL THE CURSE ISN'T PARTICULARLY A PROBLEM BUT...
APPARENTLY MY PET HAS A DIFFERENT OPINION
WELL...
I said those things, but...
IS IT OKAY TO LEAVE THE CURSE ALONE...?
ARE WE JUST GOING TO BRING HIM TO VATICAN LIKE THIS ONCE THE SUN RISES?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
How stupid!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, OF COURSE NOT!

Not being able to touch them even if he falls in love with someone, that's just...
IT SEEMS MY DEAR PET HAS GOTTEN QUITE ATTACHED.
AS YOUR OWNER I HAVE MIXED FEELINGS
YOU'RE WRONG.
I JUST KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE A DEMON FIXATED ON ME
Hmph!
I JUST FEEL SORRY FOR HIM!
I REALLY DO PITY HIM.
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
NO, NOT REALLY.
DON'T WORRY
THE CURSE PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED SOON
HUH?
MORE IMPORTANTLY COME HERE
RUSTLE
WHOA!

HEY, WHAT THE-
What is this?!
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU SLEEP
IF YOU DON'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP,
IT'LL BE TOUGH TOMORROW
Really... Slowly
!
GOOD NIGHT, MY DEAR PET.
What an
...ill-natured demon

Having him touch me as if he were coddling me,
...
His cold body temperature
...seeps in like poison.
YOU CAN SHOW YOUR LOVE EVEN IF YOU DON'T TOUCH EACH OTHER, HUH—
AS ALWAYS, YOU'RE AN AMUSING WOMAN—
Slide
PULL
BUT I'LL PASS

IF I DON'T TOUCH YOU
I CAN'T HAVE FUN LIKE THIS, CAN I...?
...THINK SO TOO?
Slowly...
HEY... DON'T YOU...

Bzz
Bzz
Bzz
Bzz
MM
Crunch
ALBRECHT?
sits up
MORN-ING...?

...?
Something's off...
WAIT A MINUTE
INGO...?
Why did he unsheath his sword?!
Raise
H-Hey...
At a time like this,
Where did that Albrecht go?!

Stupid Albrecht!
Hurry up and come save me,
GOODNESS...
WHAT A PERSONALITY YOU HAVE
ATTACKING WHEN THE OWNER ISN'T AROUND,

FWIP
WHOOPS
ARE YOU SAFE?
ALBRECHT!
Hahaha
IDIOT!
YOU'RE LATE!
ANYWAY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH INGO?
LOOK CLOSELY.
E-EK!
W-WHAT IS THAT? SOMETHING'S POSSESSING HIM!?
THAT'S THE CONVICTION OF THE WOMAN WHO PUT THE CURSE ON INGO.

WHY IS IT ATTACKING ME?!
TO PUT IT IN SIMPLE TERMS IT'S JEALOUS
HUH?
SHE WENT AS FAR AS CASTING A CURSE ON THE MAN SHE LOVED SO THAT OTHER WOMEN CAN'T GET CLOSE TO HIM.
SO SHE'S PROBABLY JEALOUS THAT A WOMAN WHO ISN'T AFFECTED BY THAT CURSE AT ALL HAS APPEARED.
SO SHE'S TRYING TO ERASE THAT WOMAN... SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
CONVICTION?
SHE'S THE ESSENCE OF A WOMAN'S PASSION
EVEN AFTER DYING, SHE POSSESSED THE SWORD AND CURSED HIM
SHE WAS SO FIXATED ON INGO THAT
THAT'S WHAT IS MANIPULATING INGO

ISN'T THAT JUST UNJUSTIFIED RESENTMENT?
It has nothing to do with me!
Hahaha.
YOU'RE COMPLETELY RIGHT
I SEE.
IT INSISTS ON ATTACKING NORA.
STOP BEING IMPRESSED AND DO SOMETHING!
TURN
URK!
I ADMIRE THE STRENGTH OF YOUR ATTACHMENT,
!
DASH
PUSH
BUT IT'S ABOUT TIME THIS ENDED.

THERE,
OOZES OUT
IT'S THE DEMON BLOOD THAT YOU'VE WANTED

SHATTER
SHINE
ENJOY IT
TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.
chuckle
OH MY, IT APPEARS THE VESSEL COULDN'T ENDURE THE EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF NUTRIENTS
THERE IS NO POINT IN THE CURSE WHATSOEVER LIKE THIS
THUD

TE
AR
THE BLOOD HASN'T STOPPED
WELL IF I'M STABBED WITH SO MUCH FORCE,
EVEN IF IT'S ME, IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME
Why...
WHAT'S WRONG?
NORA?
You sure are aggressive today
E

Y...YOU'RE SUCH AN IDIOT
Why can't I stop trembling?
TO GET A BIG INJURY LIKE THIS AND WASTE BLOOD
Even though
...something like this is supposed to be nothing...
IF IT'S YOU, YOU COULD HAVE EASILY-
WHAT IS IT, NORA?
WERE YOU WORRIED?

AH!
HOW AM I WRONG?
YOU'RE WRONG!
STUPID
LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO CRY
a demon.
Because this man is
YOU
I'M NOT ABOUT TO CRY
I'M NOT WORRIED EITHER
He's always
calmly tossing me around.
squeeze

He's a demon...
I'm not okay?
chuckle
Yes yes
Hey!
Why are you laughing?
Don't worry about it chuckle
TA-DAH!
HOW IS IT?
IT SUITS HIM QUITE WELL, DOESN'T IT?

It was his ornate ability.
Apparently, the fact that he was able to perceive that Albrecht was a demon with one glance had nothing to do with the curse.
Vin saw the potential in Ingo
and made him a part of the Church.
WELL,
WE'RE LACKING MANPOWER
SO I'LL WARMLY WELCOME PEOPLE WITH A PROMISING FUTURE
Ahaha!
RIGHT?
BUT FOR NOW HE'LL HAVE TO START OUT AS AN APPRENTICE!
yes.
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT, IT HE LOOKS LIKE A SPLENDID PRIEST
After that
ALBRECHT!
Step
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN.
Ugh!
OH.

REALLY, I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE
THAT A DEMON IS A PRIEST
IT'S SOMETHING ONLY A FEW PEOPLE KNOW EVEN WITHIN THE VATICAN
DON'T REVEAL IT, OKAY?
AS IF I COULD REVEAL SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
— AND JUST SO YOU KNOW,
I'M NOT GOING TO THANK YOU FOR WHAT HAPPENED!
BECAUSE I NEVER ASKED YOU TO SAVE ME —!
AH!
YOU'RE DIFFERENT NORA!
I TRULY AM GRATEFUL TO YOU, THANK YOU.
BUT I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING
Sighooo
HOW RUDE.
EVEN THOUGH, FOR THE SAKE OF BREAKING THE CURSE,
I SACRIFICED MYSELF
NORA WAS EVEN TREMBLING
!?
Gah!

DRAG
HEY YOU.
COME WITH ME!
DRAG
DRAG
COVER
AND NEARLY CRI-
GLARE
LISTEN UP!
COULD YOU NOT SAY WEIRD THINGS?!
Duty Bound
WHAT'S WRONG, NORA?

mumble
...was about to cry....
THOSE THINGS!
THEY'LL MISUNDERSTAND!
mumble
...understand that what I'm saying is ridiculous.
Even I
I-I'M TALKING ABOUT
How I was trembling or
WEIRD THINGS?
It would kin... of be nice if you could do that...
WELL... YEAH
UGH...
DON'T SAY A WORD ABOUT "THAT TIME"?
SINCE IT GOES AGAINST THE TRUTH!
IT'S A MISUNDERSTANDING, ISN'T IT?!
MISUNDERSTAND HUH
IN OTHER WORDS,
tmp
HUH...?
At that time
Because...
THEN I'LL NEED TO RECEIVE HUSH MONEY

I really was...
...trembling.
THERE
NOW,
THIS IS HOW YOU REALLY CLOSE SOMEONE'S MOUTH.
EVEN THOUGH I'M SLOWLY BECOMING AWARE

!?
SO,
YOU WERE WORRIED AFTER ALL, WEREN'T YOU?
OF THE CONTRADICTION INSIDE OF ME,
HAVEN'T I BEEN TELLING YOU THAT I WASN'T?
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T TALK ABOUT
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IT
Nooo
THEN I GUESS I'LL RECEIVE HUSH MONEY ONCE MORE.
I PRETENDED NOT TO NOTICE IT.
I'll call it you around the Vatican.
Hey, Ingo!
Come over here!
AREN'T PRIESTS UNABLE TO GET MARRIED?
Gasp!
Extra
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,
What am I going to do!?
Just realized
TO BE CONTINUED